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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PM COSGRAVE'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON ACCEPTING INVITATION TO ENERGY CONFERENCE: QTE:
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE TO ME OF 22ND JANUARY IN WHICH YOU INVITED IRELAND TO ATTEND THE ENERGY CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON 11TH OF FEBRUARY. I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN ACCEPTING THIS INVITATION ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT AND TO WELCOME, AT THE SAME TIME, YOUR PROPOSAL TO SEND A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO DUBLIN BEFORE THE CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE. WE WILL, INDEED, BE HAPPY TO SEE HIM HERE FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION

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AND DISCUSSION OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION'S VIEWS ON THE AGEN-

DA AND SUBSTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE.

QTE I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT THE PRESENT ENERGY CRISIS IS SUCH THAT CONSUMER COUNTRIES MUST CONSIDER WHAT COURSE OF ACTION IS OPEN TO THEM. WE, IN IRELAND, ARE PREPARED TO EXPLORE EVERY AVENUE IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT A MANNER OF DEALING WITH THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES THAT SAFEGUARDS THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED, PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS ALIKE, AND ENSURES THAT AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF ENERGY AT REASONABLE PRICES CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE TO CONSUMER COUNTRIES. AS YOU ARE AWARE THIS IS A MATTER WHICH WE ARE ALREADY STUDYING WITH OUR PRARTNERS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. IN PARTICULAR, I AGREE WITH YOU THAT CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE VIEWPOINT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FINDS EXPRESSION AND THAT THEIR INTERESTS ARE NOT NEGLECTED IN THIS EXERCISE.

QTE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT A WIDE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT EXISTS AS TO THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE PROBLEMS THAT FACE US ALL IN THIS MATTER AND I AM, THEREFORE, SURE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE A MOST USEFUL FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF THESE VERY SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE MOVES TO RESOLVE THEM. YOURS SINCERELY, LIAM COSGRAVE. END QTE. KISSINGER

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